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## Corn for Grain Harvest Begins In Scattered Counties

### Agricultural Summary

Statewide, the potato crop is in fair to excellent condition with harvest still lagging slightly behind last year and the five-year average. Field corn harvested for grain has begun in a few counties throughout the state. Apple harvest continued in the Treasure Valley, and is progressing slightly behind last year but ahead of the five-year average. For the week ending October 2, major agricultural activities included harvesting crops, irrigating, applying fertilizer, and planting winter wheat.

### Field Crop Report

Producers in Nez Perce County are concerned by the lack of soil moisture during this fall planting season, and by the rising cost of farm inputs. Caribou County Extension Educators reported that most of the cereal grains are harvested and the potato harvest is well underway. Some Franklin County corn fields that will be harvested for silage were hit by frost. Early-dig sugarbeet harvest in Power County is underway, with the high-moisture corn harvest set to begin next week.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No major livestock problems were reported as sheep and cattle continue to graze fall pastures and ranges. Livestock were reported to be in good to excellent condition.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture improved slightly from last week to 13% very short, 45% short, and 42% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Crop Progress Table

| Percentages                           | 2005 | 2004 | Avg |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Field Corn Harvested for Grain        | --   | 4    | 5   |
| Field Corn Harvested for Silage       | 70   | 89   | 77  |
| Oats Harvested for Grain              | 96   | 99   | 96  |
| Onions Harvested                      | 68   | 73   | 72  |
| Potatoes – Vines Dying/Killed         | 99   | 100  | 99  |
| Alfalfa Hay – 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting | 72   | 67   | 70  |
| Dry Beans Harvested                   | 82   | 94   | 91  |

### Condition Table

|                   | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Percentages       |           |      |      |      |           |
| Potato            | --        | --   | 18   | 66   | 16        |
| Irr. Water Supply | 1         | 8    | 43   | 44   | 4         |
| Range & Pasture   | 1         | 17   | 39   | 33   | 10        |

### Crop Progress District Table

| Crop                | North |      |     | Southwest |      |     | South-Central |      |     | East |      |     | State |      |     |
|---------------------|-------|------|-----|-----------|------|-----|---------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-------|------|-----|
|                     | 2005  | 2004 | Avg | 2005      | 2004 | Avg | 2005          | 2004 | Avg | 2005 | 2004 | Avg | 2005  | 2004 | Avg |
| Winter Wheat        |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Planted . . . . .   | 31    | 26   | 32  | 86        | 67   | 45  | 53            | 71   | 72  | 75   | 72   | 65  | 53    | 52   | 50  |
| Emerged . . . . .   | --    | 1    | 3   | 33        | 13   | 17  | 5             | 17   | 24  | 34   | 37   | 27  | 15    | 16   | 15  |
| Potatoes            |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Harvested . . . . . | NA    | NA   | NA  | 95        | 89   | 79  | 36            | 42   | 50  | 33   | 37   | 35  | 38    | 42   | 42  |
| Sugarbeets          |       |      |     |           |      |     |               |      |     |      |      |     |       |      |     |
| Harvested . . . . . | NA    | NA   | NA  | 1         | 3    | 2   | 13            | 12   | 15  | 12   | 14   | 12  | 10    | 10   | 12  |

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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# Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 2, 2005 <sup>1/</sup>

| Station             | Temperature <sup>2/</sup> |     |      |                     | Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup> |          |        | Precipitation (Inches) |                    |                     |         |        |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----|------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|--------|
|                     | High                      | Low | Ave. | Dept. <sup>3/</sup> | 40°<br>Base                       | 50° Base |        | Total <sup>5/</sup>    | Dept <sup>3/</sup> | Month of<br>October | March 1 |        |
|                     |                           |     |      |                     |                                   | To Date  | Normal |                        |                    |                     | To Date | Normal |
| <b>North</b>        |                           |     |      |                     |                                   |          |        |                        |                    |                     |         |        |
| Coeur D'Alene       | 75                        | 32  | 56   | 2                   | 3663                              | 1858     | 1822   | 0.67                   | 0.35               | 0.63                | 4.93    | 13.60  |
| Grangeville         | 76                        | 37  | 53   | 1                   | 3313                              | 1603     | 1492   | 0.96                   | 0.56               | 0.96                | 15.14   | 16.24  |
| Lewiston            | 84                        | 44  | 61   | 1                   | 4979                              | 2946     | 2714   | 0.58                   | 0.39               | 0.28                | 8.52    | 7.45   |
| Sand Point          | 73                        | 29  | 52   | 1                   | 3303                              | 1570     | 1450   | 0.69                   | 0.32               | 0.00                | 16.38   | 15.06  |
| <b>Southwest</b>    |                           |     |      |                     |                                   |          |        |                        |                    |                     |         |        |
| Boise               | 85                        | 41  | 61   | 2                   | 4904                              | 2952     | 2599   | 0.20                   | 0.04               | 0.20                | 8.17    | 6.14   |
| Caldwell            | 82                        | 36  | 58   | 0                   | 4740                              | 2767     | 2857   | 0.27                   | 0.14               | 0.27                | 6.07    | 5.42   |
| Emmett              | 82                        | 35  | 59   | 1                   | 4505                              | 2608     | 2530   | 0.22                   | 0.07               | 0.22                | 5.61    | 6.25   |
| Mountain Home       | 82                        | 36  | 62   | 4                   | 4970                              | 3029     | 2590   | 0.34                   | 0.21               | 0.32                | 7.06    | 4.74   |
| Parma               | 70                        | 34  | --   | --                  | 4519                              | 2595     | 2432   | 0.00                   | -0.14              | 0.00                | 3.53    | 5.57   |
| Weiser              | 82                        | 37  | 58   | 1                   | 4794                              | 2847     | 2531   | 0.00                   | -0.12              | 0.00                | 4.95    | 5.43   |
| <b>Southcentral</b> |                           |     |      |                     |                                   |          |        |                        |                    |                     |         |        |
| Buhl                | --                        | --  | --   | --                  | 3778                              | 2016     | 2143   | --                     | --                 | --                  | --      | 5.13   |
| Burley              | 81                        | 31  | 55   | 0                   | 3673                              | 1914     | 2114   | 0.07                   | -0.06              | 0.00                | 10.95   | 5.61   |
| Hill City           | 77                        | 22  | 52   | 1                   | 2896                              | 1373     | 1259   | 0.00                   | -0.16              | 0.00                | 8.70    | 5.87   |
| Hagerman            | --                        | --  | --   | --                  | 4984                              | 3016     | 2680   | --                     | --                 | --                  | --      | 4.74   |
| Malta               | 82                        | 30  | 56   | 2                   | 3898                              | 2141     | 1849   | 0.07                   | -0.08              | 0.00                | 7.77    | 6.38   |
| Twin Falls          | 83                        | 33  | 59   | 5                   | 3978                              | 2201     | 1863   | 0.08                   | -0.07              | 0.01                | 9.83    | 5.77   |
| <b>East</b>         |                           |     |      |                     |                                   |          |        |                        |                    |                     |         |        |
| Aberdeen            | 73                        | 27  | --   | --                  | 3204                              | 1621     | 1608   | 0.04                   | -0.13              | 0.00                | 5.56    | 5.58   |
| Grace               | 77                        | 27  | 52   | 1                   | 2992                              | 1476     | 1442   | 0.13                   | -0.16              | 0.01                | 8.76    | 10.07  |
| Idaho Falls         | 79                        | 29  | 51   | 0                   | 3174                              | 1552     | 1676   | 0.07                   | -0.13              | 0.07                | 9.76    | 6.83   |
| Malad City          | 74                        | 29  | --   | --                  | 3600                              | 1928     | 1841   | 0.00                   | -0.26              | 0.00                | 7.70    | 8.86   |
| Pocatello           | 83                        | 28  | 54   | 0                   | 3644                              | 1934     | 1945   | 0.31                   | 0.11               | 0.25                | 11.84   | 7.26   |
| Rexburg             | 78                        | 30  | 52   | 0                   | 3213                              | 1624     | 1562   | 0.12                   | -0.11              | 0.12                | 9.39    | 8.33   |
| Salmon              | 75                        | 34  | --   | --                  | 3342                              | 1676     | --     | 0.01                   | --                 | 0.01                | 3.83    | --     |

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.